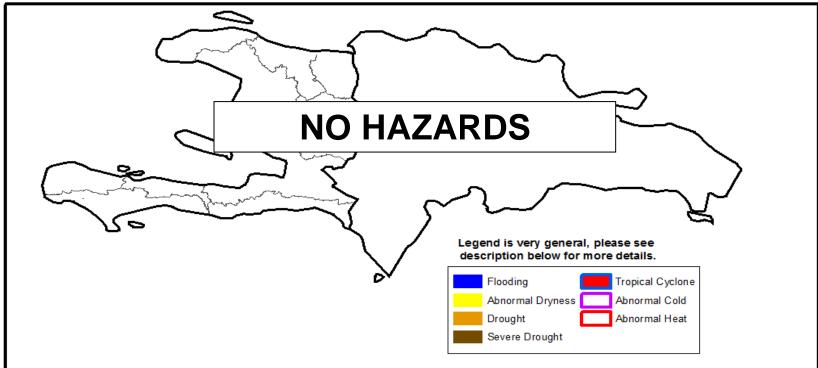


## Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook February 6 – February 12, 2014

Average to below average rainfall expected throughout Haiti during early February.



During the last seven days, little to moderate amounts of rainfall were received throughout Hispaniola. The highest weekly accumulations were estimated in the southern Gulf of Gonaives, bringing some increased moisture to local areas in the Ouest department of Haiti. Elsewhere, little to no rains were estimated in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Since early December, precipitation throughout Hispaniola has largely been below average. Ground conditions and surface water levels remain poor across much of Haiti and northwestern/southwestern Dominican Republic due to an early end to the rainy season in November and December. Additional rains are needed to further reduce long term rainfall deficits and improve ground conditions for winter cropping in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. According to vegetative indices, the worst ground conditions remain in the Monte Cristi, Puerto Plata and Barahona departments of northwestern and southwestern Dominican Republic and the Nord-Est, Nord and Nord-Ouest department of Haiti. Precipitation forecasts suggest a week of suppressed rainfall across Haiti, with the potential for locally heavy rainfall across parts of northeastern Dominican Republic. The distribution of rainfall during early February expected to strengthen seasonal moisture deficits.